

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NOS. RPU-02-3 RPU-02-8
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**ORDER SCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND
ESTABLISHING DEADLINE FOR PREHEARING MOTIONS**

(Issued December 17, 2002)

On November 27, 2002, Tyson Foods, Inc., and Maytag Inc. filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for a prehearing conference in advance of the scheduled hearing on class cost of service, rate design, and rate consolidation issues in Docket Nos. RPU-02-3 and RPU-02-8. This phase of the hearing is scheduled to begin January 6, 2003.

A prehearing conference was held on December 12, 2002. At that conference, it was decided another conference would be scheduled for the primary purpose of determining which, if any, witnesses need not appear at hearing. If none of the parties or the Board has questions for a witness, he or she will be excused.

The Board will, therefore, schedule a prehearing conference for the Board's counsel and counsel for the parties to discuss witness appearances, schedules, and other preliminary matters on Monday, December 30, 2002, at 10 a.m. Parties may participate by telephone.

In addition, to facilitate the proceedings, the Board will require any that any prehearing motions be filed on or before December 27, 2002. Any responses to the motions will be due on or before January 3, 2003.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. A prehearing conference for the Board's counsel and counsel for the parties to discuss witness appearances, schedules, and other preliminary matters is scheduled for Monday, December 30, 2002, at 10 a.m. The conference will be held in the Hearing Room at the Board's offices at 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Counsel may also participate in the conference call by calling the Board's bridge line, 515-323-1957. The bridge line will be open approximately five minutes prior to the prehearing conference.
2. Any prehearing motions related to the January phase of the hearing shall be filed on or before December 27, 2002.
3. Any responses to the prehearing motions shall be filed on or before January 3, 2003.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 17th day of December, 2002.